

**BREAKS INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Meeting**

The Breaks Interstate Park Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on September 11, 2003 at Breaks Interstate Park.

Commission members present were: Mr. Jack Sykes, Chairman; representing Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Steve Henry; Mr. Willard Owens, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Elster Stanley, Secretary; Mr. Andrew Mullins; Mr. Walter Fletcher; Mr. Craig Seaver, representing Mr. Joe Maroon, Director, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation; Mr. John Paul, representing Ms. Ann Latta, Secretary of Tourism and Acting Commissioner of Kentucky State Parks.

Ms. Gypsy Cantrell was unable to attend the meeting.

Guests present were: Mr. Neil Parsons and Ms. Amy Barnes, Big Sandy Area Development District; Ms. Rena Powers, Dickenson Star Newspaper.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 12:57 p.m.

Mr. Neil Parsons and Ms. Amy Barnes presented an informative slide program on their agency to the Commission. They are currently working on two projects: the Pike County Master Tourism Plan and the Enhanced Elkhorn City Tourism Plan. They wanted to make the Commission aware of their projects and their availability, if the Commission ever needed their help in any matter.

The next order of business was approval of the minutes for the June 12, 2003 meeting. Mr. Walter Fletcher made a motion to accept them as written and Mr. Elster Stanley seconded. Motion carried.

The financial statement for July 31, 2003 was next. The Commission discussed several items on the financial statement. They requested Superintendent Mullins include a June 30, 2003 statement in the packet for the next commission meeting. They would like to review the year end totals.

Mr. Andrew Mullins made a motion to accept the financial statement dated July 31, 2003 and Mr. Walter Fletcher seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Mullins reported on several items as follows: 1.) Visitation for the year is down approximately 8 %; visitation for Labor Day Weekend was down 29 %, mainly due to rain. 2.) The Garden Hole road has been graveled, and graded by VDOT twice in the last two weeks. 3.) It looks like we will have a molasses stir-off if everything keeps going as planned. The exact date has not been set yet.

Several items of old business were: a.) At a recent public hearing, the bridge into Potter Flats', was discussed. Several attending the meeting opposed the bridge. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is reviewing the plan again; b.) Possibility of receiving funds from the Kentucky Coal Severance Tax in the next few months.

Under new business, the Commission began plans for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the park in 2004. Superintendent Mullins will head a committee to begin working on ideas and present them to the Commission at the next regular scheduled meeting.

The Commission received a letter from the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding the 460 Connector Road. Possibly, they may want to use some of the park property between Routes 768, 609 and 80. The Commission decided to send them a letter concurring with their idea, assuming the park is compensated for the taking.

The Commission set the date for the next regularly scheduled meeting to be Thursday, November 13th, 2003 lunches at noon and meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Walter Fletcher made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Mr. Andrew Mullins seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded at 2:15 p.m.